

modern bombers which the USSR could and, in the opinion of competent experts, probably would provide in its long-range force in the time period beyond the next two years, as submitted to your Subcommittee in April. Obviously, this estimate of future Soviet heavy bomber strength will be subject to constant review in the light of new intelligence.

As you will recall, an insert for your Subcommittee's Record of my testimony, including the revised BISON estimate for July 1, 1956, was delivered to the Staff Director of your Subcommittee on November 5, 1956.

As director of the Central Intelligence Agency, my responsibility with respect to National Intelligence Estimates is set forth in Section 102 (d) (3) of the National Security Act of 1947, which provides that,

- "(d) For the purpose of coordinating the intelligence activities of the several Government departments and agencies in the interest of national security, it shall be the duty of the Agency, under the direction of the National Security Council - - -

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- (3) to correlate and evaluate intelligence relating to the national security, and provide for the appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the Government, etc., etc."

In exercising this responsibility, I am assisted by those members of the intelligence community who have competence in the particular field involved.

Sincerely,

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